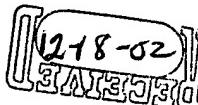


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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 22, 2002 (Paper No. 16). Please consider the above-identified patent application as follows.

REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the final Office Action dated October 22, 2002. In the Office Action, the Examiner notes that claims 10-13, 15-18, and 20-29 are pending, of which claims 10-13, 15-18 and 20-29 stand rejected.

In view of the following discussion, the applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Thus, the applicants believe that all these claims are now in allowable form.

RejectionsI. 35 U.S.C. §103